

[Mr T. Kumara Pillai.]

fact that, under the recent reorganisation of the Medical Department, officers with longer and shorter service are receiving the same pay, and that this has been a source of grievance to several officers?

(b) Do the Government propose to give them pay according to the length of their service?

(c) Has the Darbar Physician brought this matter to the notice of the Government?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(a) Yes. This is inevitable to some extent.

(b) No.

(c) Yes.

*Promotion of Mr. P. R. Subba Aiyar.*

178. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel cum Vilavankod*): (a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Darbar Physician has recommended Mr. P. R. Subba Aiyar, L. M. & S., to be promoted to the Surgeon's place now vacant, instead of recommending Mr. K. Krishna Pillai, L. M. & S.?

(b) Will the Government be pleased to state the names of the several hospitals of the State in which Messrs. P. R. Subba Aiyar and K. Krishna Pillai had been medical officers and also the period during which they were in charge of each?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(a) The member is referred to the answer to question No. 171.

(b) The member is referred to the History of Services of Gazetted Officers—pages 704 to 706.

*Promotion of Medical Officers as Deputy Surgeons.*

179. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel cum Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state how many of the medical officers who passed out of the Madras Medical College and joined the medical service here have been promoted as Deputy Surgeons since the appointment of Dr. Lakshmanan as Darbar Physician? Will the Government be pleased to furnish a statement showing their names?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Assistant Surgeons L. A. Ravi Varma and K. P. Raman Pillai were permanently, and Assistant Surgeons N. Lakshmana Aiyar and A. M. Matthew temporarily, promoted to the grade of Deputy Surgeons.

*Irregularities of Mr. P. N. Sankara Aiyar, Assistant Excise Commissioner.*

180. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel cum Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they have received petitions from Arukutty and Shertallai regarding the administrative irregularities of Mr. P. N. Sankara Aiyar, Assistant Excise Commissioner, Arukutty;

(b) whether these petitions were forwarded by the Government to the Excise Commissioner and by the latter to Mr. Sankara Aiyar;

(c) whether the Government were able to know the truth of the allegations against Mr. Sankara Aiyar contained in the petitions, on account of the same being forwarded to Mr. Sankara Aiyar himself; and

(d) whether the Government intend to appoint a committee with a non-official majority, to enquire into and report on the allegations contained in these petitions?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(a) Some petitions reported by the Excise Commissioner to be pseudonymous and containing allegations against the Assistant Excise Commissioner, Mr. P. N. Sankara Aiyar, have been received.

(b) Yes.

(c) Government have no reason to believe that the forwarding of the petitions to the officer concerned interfered with the Excise Commissioner in ascertaining the truth of the allegations.

(d) The answer is in the negative.

*Excise Circle largely open to Smuggling.*

181. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel cum Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) which is the Excise Circle where there is the greatest facility for smuggling; and

(b) the length of service, as Assistant Excise Commissioner, of the present incumbent there?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(a) In the Excise Commissioner's opinion it is the Alwaye Division.

(b) Mr. C. T. Ooman B. A., the present Assistant Excise Commissioner in charge of the Alwaye Division, has been there since the 1st Kumbham, 1095.

*Publication of Trade Returns.*

182. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether any trade returns are published in the *Travancore Economic Journal*, and if so, from what date?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The trade returns do not appear to have been published in the *Economic Journal*. The cause for the omission is being enquired into.